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The now [earthquake-prone region of Azle and Reno](#) will be the focus of the panel discussion “What’s Behind the North Texas Quakes?” set for 7 p.m. June 18 at Azle High School, 1200 Boyd Road.

The area northwest of Fort Worth was rocked by more than 30 minor earthquakes in a three-month span, rattling residents and prompting many of them to ask what was behind the flurry of seismic activity. Seismologists and other researchers are trying to identify a link between the earthquakes and drilling and hydraulic fracking activity, including the disposal of wastewater.

The free event will be hosted by KERA/State Impact Texas.

Panelists include Rep. [Phil King](#), R-Weatherford, Reno Mayor [Lynda Stokes](#), [Heather DeShon](#), an associate professor of geophysics, and Mose Buchele, a State Impact Texas reporter who has covered the energy industry for many years.

It will be moderated by KERA’s senior reporter [Doualy Xaykaotao](#), who has covered major earthquakes in Asia.

Stokes and others from these small towns crowded Azle High School in January to [voice their concerns to the Texas Railroad Commission](#), which regulates oil and gas. They were not happy when the regulators declined to address their concerns at the meeting so they rented buses and [filled the commission’s next public meeting](#).

The commission since has hired a seismologist to look into the issue.